

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the ABSTRACT on page 129, with the following rewritten ABSTRACT:

-- A management method for image and clinical chart data is disclosed. The method includes the steps of: recording by a medical institution the data onto a recording medium, receiving and storing the recording medium in a warehouse of a storage company, storing in a storage device of the storage company a customer identifier and a deposit identifier, assigning the customer and the deposit identifier to the medical institution; receiving a retrieval request of the data from the medical institution, comparing the customer identifier contained in the retrieval request with the customer identifier stored in the storage device, and rejecting the retrieval request if the two customer identifiers are not substantially the same; searching the warehouse for the recording medium based on the deposit identifier contained in the retrieval request; reproducing the data from the recording medium retrieved; and sending the data reproduced to the medical institution via the Internet.--